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Post pandemic, access to large libraries remains limited; now, micro-libraries set up along footpaths ensure children have access to books

THE BOOKS OF LIFE

10 micro-libraries by June in Bengaluru

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Bengaluru is bound to see more micro-libraries popping up in neighbourhoods in the coming months.

Drawing on the success of micro-libraries started during the pandemic, the Belakoo Trust is planning to set up 10 more micro-libraries by June in Bengaluru and around 1,000 across Karnataka within three years.

Micro-libraries are essentially tiny cupboards filled with books set up on footpaths. Brought into existence to instill interest in reading amongst children, Belakoo representatives told BM that the takers are from all age groups nevertheless. With the fear of the pandemic looming and bigger libraries becoming more and more inaccessible, folks at Belakoo Trust felt there was a need to find a way to get children interested in reading.

"As part of our larger mission, we try to inculcate learning in children and find ways to pique their curiosity. We began to think of ways and come up with solutions that could aid our goal; and finally zeroed in on the idea of micro-libraries. We joined hands with TrashCon to build the structure of

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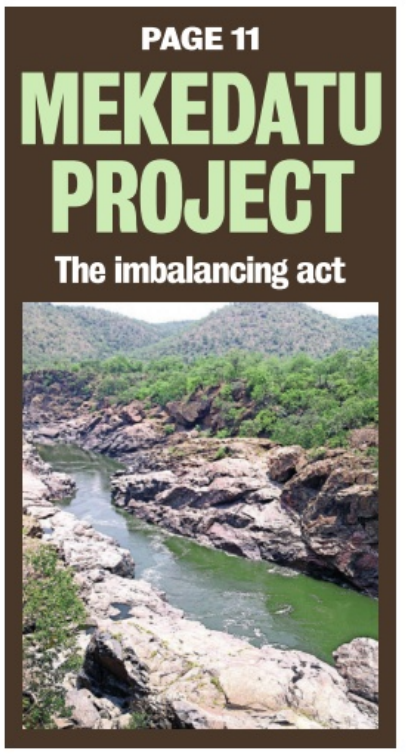
> — Smitha Hemmigae, Belakoo Trust



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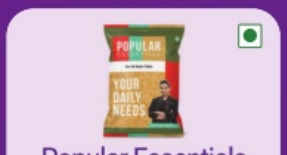

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3 THINGS TO DO

01 Gift some love

Enjoy Valentine's Special Sale at Studio Orenda, Whitefield. Studio Orenda is a year-long pop-up promoting artisans and small brands. Each of their curated range of products is made with love and a lot of attention to detail. Check out their vibrant & eclectic collection comprising art, accessories, home decor, stationary, sarees and more. Gift yourself and your loved ones some handmade magic. **Where: Studio Orenda, Varthur Main Road, Whitefield When: Till Feb 14, 11 am – 5.30 pm Call: 7625094555**

02 Adopt a furry one

MARS Petcare India, in association with Indie Tails of Hope (ITOH) and the Rotary Club of Bangalore, will hold its 13th pet adoption camp dedicated to finding a loving home and responsible family for rescued Indie puppies and dogs. This is a conscious effort to provide the rescues with homes where they are wanted, cared for, and welcomed. **Where: Rotary House of Friendship, Lavelle Road, Shanthala Nagar When: Feb 13, 11.30 am – 5.30 pm Info: instagram.com/indietailsofhope/**

03 All about love!

Go celebrate love with Motojojo.X.TheCulinaryCat the unconventional way this Valentine's weekend with potluck, music, conversations, and lots of fun. Get ready for a fabulous Sunday evening meant especially for singles to not have any FOMO on Valentine's weekend! **Where: HRBR Layout; When: Feb 13, 6.30 pm; Tickets: motojojo.co/event-details/bangalore-350**

A sticky situation: Govt official duped of ₹17,000

Revenue Dept personnel gets cheated; says man sold him 500 kg of adulterated syrup instead of natural honey

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The accused claimed to be a beekeeper selling pure honey

An officer with the revenue department was allegedly cheated by an unknown person who claimed to be selling pure honey freshly extracted directly from a beehive only hours ago. The accused reportedly sold him low quality honey. J, 57, a resident of Andree road and a police officer with the revenue department, has filed a complaint with Ashoka Nagar police on Tuesday. He said that the incident took place on February 2 when a person knocked at their door claiming to be a beekeeper.

J said that the accused introduced himself as Mohith and told him that they (a group of beekeepers) were trying to remove a beehive from a tree next to J's house and asked him to shut all windows and the main doors to be safe. J said he did as asked.

"Around 2 pm, he came again along with a 10-or 11-year-old boy and brought a golden-yellow syrup with him. He claimed it was pure honey extracted from the beehive next to my home. He showed me the honeycomb and dead bees and convinced me. He said he'd sell it for Rs 500 per kilogram.

"A woman, holding a child, was standing a little far from my house and staring at us. He insisted that I buy the honey so I ended up buying 36 kilogram of honey worth Rs 17,000," J said.

While pouring the honey into other bottles later, J sensed something was wrong. "I asked my friends to check and they said it was not pure honey.

I took the samples and sent them to a laboratory to check the quality. The results confirmed it was not pure honey and was a substandard product dangerous for health. He could cheat many others this way and it would affect their health," J said.

> **"The laboratory results confirmed it was not pure honey and was a substandard product dangerous for health** – Con victim

A senior officer said that the accused went around selling adulterated honey which is dangerous to health and this is the first complaint that they have received against such sellers.

"We do not know whether the seller had extracted the honey from the beehive or had brought adulterated honey with him to sell after cooking up stories." The officer added that the accused did not overcharge and sold the adulterated product for a lesser price compared to the branded honey.

"The complainant saw the child who was with him and decided to buy all of the honey which he had with him for Rs. 17,000.

The very next day, he sent it to lab and got the results last week when he approached us to file a complaint and trace them so that people's health are not put at risk by consuming substandard quality. We have examined the CCTV footage and are trying to identify him," he said.

Cops nab army impostor running recruitment camp

The accused would dupe army aspirants of thousands of rupees by promising them jobs

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The city police have arrested a 49-year-old imposter for posing as a lieutenant colonel with the Indian Army and allegedly cheating many candidates aspiring to join the army.

The accused, identified as Netaichand Jana, a resident of Koramangala and a native of West Bengal, promised gullible citizens of confirmed job recruitments after taking huge amounts of cash from them, the police said.

According to the police, Jana had joined the Indian Army in 1993 and quit in 2009. He then took up a job as a transport consultant and was supervising truck movements of a private company, the police said.

Jana then decided to make some quick bucks by getting in contact with youths who wanted to join the army. He donned a uniform of a lieutenant colonel's and took multiple photographs and started running an army recruitment consultancy service.

According to the police, he had taken original marksheets from several youths along with an application fee.

Jana then used to contact these aspiring youths to cough up more money stating there are issues in recruitment and that he needed to grease the palms of the recruiters. He had collected several thousands of rupees and he operated four bank accounts.

On the afternoon of February 11, a military intelligence personnel observed Jana roaming suspiciously near the CSD Canteen of the ASC Training Centre (South) in Vannarpet.

The military personnel then learnt from his seniors that the said man was on their radar for over a year and instructed the officers to detain and search him. Jana was immediately detained and the army personnel found that he was carrying a fake identity card.

Netaichand Jana hails from West Bengal and was in the army from 1993 – 2009

The army personnel found recruitment copies of civilians, multiple money transactions in his bank passbook, medical slips, his personal photograph wearing uniforms of lieutenant colonels, and personal visiting cards mentioning the Indian Army with his mobile number.

Based on a complaint from a Subedar in ASC Centre (South), the Vivek Nagar police have taken up a case of cheating, impersonation and forgery and arrested Jana on Friday.

Upon interrogation, he admitted that he had worked for the army earlier but did not confess when questioned about the fake recruitment camp. He was produced before a magistrate and remanded to judicial custody.

DELAY NO MORE

Repair and pipe laying works on Millers Road hit a snag, causing trouble for motorists, businesses and residents in Vasanth Nagar

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A prolonged delay in executing the project to lay water pipelines on Millers Road and repair it is inconveniencing citizens. Residents of Vasanth Nagar said the work started in December and they were informed it will be finished within 15 days but it appears that the authorities concerned are requiring more time.

"The road is under Smart City's jurisdiction. Therefore, BSCL is redoing the footpath. It also worked on the utility ducts. At the same time, BWSSB decided to execute its pipe-laying works on Millers Road and Jain Hospital Road. The work has been delayed by more than a month and has become a nightmare for motorists and pedestrians," said Thanmaya BP, a resident of the area.

As per the commuters, earlier, only the stretch from Hotel Chandrika to Sankey Road was blocked for the works, the authorities concerned have now blocked the stretch from Cunningham Road that leads towards the Cantonment Railway Station too.

"To get towards Malleswaram or to go towards Sankey Road, we have to take a longer route. Moreover, the (blocked) stretch is home to many businesses, including small eateries that are suffering. They were already in a bad shape due to covid and the lockdowns... And the road got sealed overnight," said Thanmaya.

With two important roads blocked, the traffic has been diverted to Miller Tank Bund Road, the stretch parallel to Millers Road. However, netizens said the road connecting these two stretches, Jain Hospital Road, is also in a terrible state.

"Jain Hospital Road had been dug a year ago and is now covered with craters. First, BWSSB must finish the pipe-laying work and then the road can be repaired. We understand such work takes time. However, the progress has been very slow. The lack of coordination amongst the various departments is unacceptable. If the departments ensure coordination, they can solve many problems in the city expeditiously. Else, the city will continue to suffer," said Rajkumar Dugar, another resident.

According to locals, parking space for four-wheelers along Millers Road is part of the problem.

"The road was cut open without any prior notice. It is a mess and is causing inconveniences not just to our staff members, but also students. Moreover, four-wheelers parked along the sides of the road is making the space even narrower. They must remove the parking slots and divert the traffic. Let the stretch be used only by locals," said a representative of St Anne's PU College, located on Millers Road.

A Smart City official said the delay in works is a result of a delay in receiving police permission. "This is due to the delay in receiving police permission. However, we have received it now and the work will move at a fast pace hereon. We are planning to wrap it up within the next couple of weeks," said the official.

The road has been blocked since December

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More micro-libraries for kids

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these mini bookshelves using recycled material. Our aim was to create something that was made of sustainable materials," said co-founder of Belakoo Trust Smitha Hemmigae.

Each micro-library contains 60-70 books ranging from encyclopedias to comic books.

The micro-libraries are funded by the trust while the books are largely collected through a donation drive. Though there is no specific criteria to curating the books, at the moment, there are no academic books on the list. Witnessing the success of micro-libraries, a few publishers have tied up with Belakoo to supply books for the initiative.

The concept is quite simple. A micro-library is created in the locality and an area staff (POC) is appointed. They are responsible for the maintenance of the micro-library including keeping tabs on the books.

"Initially, when we started, we faced some issues with children not returning the books or at times damaging them. Most of the books we receive are not new, so damage is not our key concern; however, to inculcate a better system and attitude, we speak to the children, explaining how returning books leads to more children reading the books. After that, we stopped receiving dog-eared and torn books. Besides, the idea of belonging to the neighbourhood keeps them in check," added Hemmigae.

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Currently, the non-profit has only been able to establish itself in three locations. It is planning to reach 10 locations by the end of the month. Micro-libraries will come up in Cox Town, Banashankari, Basavangudi, RR Nagar, RT Nagar, Arekere, Bannerghatta Road, Hesaraghatta alongwith Ramanagara, Tribal Village and Hangrapura on the outskirts.

Another 10 locations are to be reached by June. The funds for the first 10 libraries were generated with the help of a standard X student from the United States and the rest are being funded through individual fundraisers.

Hemmigae further noted that what makes micro libraries fruitful is their scalability: "A traditional library involves investing in a lot of infrastructure and space while these can be set up anywhere with limited expenditure. This allows for more children to access the facility than when books are locked up in some room."

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Quickly, please
Jayanagar

The 36 A Cross Road on 9th Main in the 5th Block, was a good road. It was broken recently by BBMP for some work. Residents hope that the civic body will finish its work and restore the road soon.

Yet another pothole
Kempegowda Nagar

A big pothole on 5th Main Road must be filled immediately. Motorists are getting stuck on the road due to the pothole.

Takedown
Srirampura

Folks have put up a banner near the Metro station, without permission. This is illegal and BBMP must take it down.

Resident cries harassment by apartment association

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A 50-year-old software engineer alleges that he and his family members have become victims of harassment at the hands of the members of their apartment association in Doddanekundi off Old Airport Road near Marathahalli.

Banuprakash Naidu, a resident of Bharathi Towers Apartment, alleges that though there are only 24 units and owners at their small apartment, there has been an association group of five members taking arbitrary decisions and not being transparent with their accounts for the maintenance amount they collect from the residents including tenants.

Banuprakash purchased a two-bedroom flat in Bharathi Towers Apartment for Rs 40 lakh in 2011.

He alleged that all these years even after paying the maintenance fee diligently, the association members were allegedly dilly dallying with his request to produce the break-up of the maintenance money spent.

Naidu stopped paying the monthly maintenance of Rs 2,500 since December 2019 and for two years he kept requesting the transparent accounts from the association

Victim says the row started when he asked association members to produce the break-up of maintenance money and how it was spent

members.

In January 2022, he and his family had gone to Andhra Pradesh when the association members sent a notice to his house stating that he had to pay up the maintenance.

"I came back on January 9 when my wife and I tested positive for covid and had to be home quarantined until January 1," Naidu told BM.

On February 1, the association members closed the valve, stopping water connection to his flat.

Prakash approached the HAL police and registered a complaint stating that essential service was being blocked by the association who were arbitrarily taking decisions.

However, when the association members were summoned to the police station, they told the cops that all the residents but Naidu were paying the maintenance fee.

In total, Naidu had to pay Rs 60,200 which were arrears in the way of maintenance to be paid to the association.

Though Naidu explained that he was running short of money as his mother had recently had an eye surgery, the police counselled him and asked him to pay up the money so that the water connection is restored.

When Naidu refused, the cops asked the association members to take this issue to the civil court.

Naidu also alleged that the association members also locked the common terrace as the valve for water connection is installed there.

Naidu then arranged the cash and cleared the dues to restore his water connection.

Football practice down the drain

Ground is in neglected state with people dumping debris. Plus the open storm water drain nearby has become a devourer of footballs

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A playground in Domlur ward is not fit for playing anymore. Children complain that footballs go right into the stormwater drain as there is no fencing, and hence they have stopped playing there.

The Sangolli Rayanna Playground under BBMP in Domlur Second Stage has been boycotted by football players due to a design flaw in the construction. While the ground was developed with a gate and compound wall and has some benches for sitting, one side remains completely open.

Construction debris dumped on the football ground which is adjacent to a stormwater drain (inset)

Just adjacent to the playground lies a stormwater drain with a small wall less than one-metre tall and has no fencing. After losing several footballs to the drain, children have stopped using the ground.

Within roughly two years of being developed, the football ground has gone for a toss. The premises now lies in an abandoned state with people dumping used furniture pieces with construction debris strewn all over.

Apart from the construction debris and used furniture, the ground level is completely uneven now. Wild plants have sprouted all over the premises.

Football enthusiasts in the area are left with no option but to play in the LA Perumal Children's Park just opposite the football ground.

Residents say that the ground has been in the abandoned state for the past 6 months. A few football players that BM spoke to expressed the same distress."

"Around 10-15 years ago, we cleared illegal settlements from the land. We developed the land by dumping 20 loads of mud at our own expense

–Giriraj, Domlur 2nd Stage RWA

The playground was developed in 2020 to create space for the youth in the area to engage in sports activities utilising funds amounting to Rs 99 lakh.

"Around 10-15 years ago, the area was unused land. There were also some illegal encroachments on the land. After evicting the illegal settlements, we developed the land by dumping 20 loads of mud at our own expense. Later, the compound wall and gate were built in 2020 and was inaugurated." said Giriraj, President of Domlur Second Stage RWA.

Former Domlur corporator Dr Lakshminarayan Gundanna said, "An illegal khatta was being used to claim ownership of the football ground. Under my authority, we worked towards cancelling the khatta and the ground was cleared."

Four years back, the BDA land was transferred to the BBMP and the area was developed to make it playable for children. "The small wall that exists now was only fixed recently. This was the result of multiple petitions to BBMP's SWD department. However, the wall is less than one metre above the ground wall. BBMP officials have to build a taller wall and erect fencing on top to make the playground usable again," added Giriraj.

The park opposite to the playground also has an adjacent stormwater drain but it is not facing any such issues. The Perumal Park has a one-metre-tall wall and 6-8 feet of fencing. Residents are demanding that BBMP complete the work and build walls and fencing using the same standards.

When BM contacted the BBMP East Chief Engineer, Mohan Krishna regarding the issue, he promised to look into the issue.

Furore at school over teacher's 'bias'

High drama prevailed at a Chandra Layout school Saturday as parents of Muslim students alleged bias, engaging in a heated debate with the Principal. The school management dismissed one teacher Shashikala for "creating unnecessary problems".

The incident took place at Vidyasagar English School as parents who gathered in large numbers alleged that their kids have been insulted by Mathematics teacher Shashikala, who has spoken ill about their religion, hijab, and other religious practices. They demanded immediate action against the teacher and questioned the principal.

The jurisdictional police and education department officials rushed to the spot and spoke to the teacher, students and their parents. The agitated parents have been pacified for now but a tense situation still prevails.

Sohabuddin, a parent, explained that this is not a fight for hijab. "All children studying in seventh grade are complaining about the teacher giving differential treatment on the basis of their religion. The children told the teacher that Muslims are only 25 per cent of the population in India, they can't wear hijab anymore in class. This is not an agitation for hijab," he said.

Bengaluru South Deputy Director of Public Instruction Bylanjanappa said, "The teacher told me that nothing but the syllabus has been taught to the children. No court order has been discussed. The parents have misunderstood their kids' words and that resulted in confusion."

No in-person classes for PU colleges till Feb 15

The State government extended for pre-university colleges, shut from February 9 following the raging hijab row on several campuses and was slated to open on February 14.

The government has already ordered closure of the degree and diploma colleges till February 16. In its circular, the government said the decision has been taken as a precautionary measure to maintain law and order in the state.

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BIRD'S EYE VIEW

At Sarjapur Road, a black kite hovers in search of food. Though a medium-sized bird of prey they also are opportunistic hunters and are more likely to scavenge. Which is why they are commonly found in urban areas, rubbish dumps, aquatic habitats, grassland, and usually avoid heavily forested areas

The picture was clicked by reader **Chandar Natarajan**

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DID YOU KNOW?

There were scores of massive step-wells in Bengaluru in the ancient days. Residents used the water from these wells for various purposes. Young boys also had a whale of a time, taking a plunge during school vacations. But, unfortunately, the city's rapid urbanisation has seen many of these water bodies presenting a picture of neglect.

One such step-well, hidden from public view, can be spotted on 8th H Main, Kalyan Nagar. Sadly, the decades-old open well (some old-timers vouched for its existence even 50 years ago, and the waterbody could well be over a century-old) is derelict, with glass shards and garbage strewn around it. There is also a thick growth of weeds and plants around the well, which shield it from public glare.

Beautiful oblong-shaped steps on one side lead to the bottom of the well, but there is no protective barricade on the top.

The authorities would do well to clean up the well and restore it to its pristine glory.

— NJ Ravi Chander

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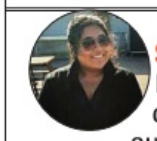
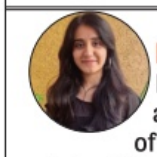
What steps should the government take to promote mental health awareness?



Sriparna Roy, student
Mandatory check-ups in schools, colleges and offices needed. Local authorities should also look into checking privacy and promote emotional well being. Mental health situation in India demands active policy interventions and resource allocation by the government. To reduce the stigma around mental health, we need measures to train and sensitise the community/society.



Rishika Kashyap, student
In my opinion, people around us really do not understand the concept of mental health. In such cases, it gets difficult for the individual experiencing mental health issues. So, mental health education would be a great step to start with.

Nijesh RG, an analyst
The government should make it mandatory to have psychologists in workplacess and even in schools and colleges.

Archana Raj, student
I feel government should come up with strengthened policies. Secondly, every educational institution must conduct mental health programme and social support. Thirdly, government should have systems in workplaces and schools to monitor abuse, bullying, discrimination and promote a civil environment.

Chetan Singh, BM reader
Include the topic in school & college cariculums. Government should run advertisements in print, radio & electronic media on mental health awareness. Most important is awareness on help via tele-calling & listed hospitals for cure.

SPEAK TO US

What can the authorities do to help reduce crimes against strays?

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The road is a potential site for accidents; (right) garbage dumped illegally

The worn-out stretch of road on the exit point of Kengeri main bus terminal has become an inconvenience for many.

BMTC buses going into the city towards Nagarabhavi, Vijayanagar, Yeswanthpur, Yelahanka, Hebbal, Banashankari, Electronic city and outside the city towards Bidadi and other places originate at this bus terminal. This terminal is also a major point of pick up for KSRTC buses going towards Maddur, Mandya, Mysore, Chamarajanagar etc.

The dust from this stretch, especially when buses and other vehicles pass over it, makes the air unbreathable for the commuters. Shankar, who owns a tea stall nearby, has all his confectionaries covered in dust. Mukunda, an auto-driver, says that once a bus passes over this road, it takes 10 minutes for the dust to completely settle down. The buses constantly brake and accelerate which aggravates the problem and the pollution control board must fix this, he adds. However, an official at this station said water is sprinkled at regular intervals to mitigate the issue.

Gangarevanna, a citizen who frequently uses this bus stand, said that authorities are helpless as digging roads for laying cables and pipes is necessary and the roads have to be restored afterwards which is the only way to keep them in good condition.

The bus terminal provides parking facilities at its basement for two-and four-wheelers and they too are not spared of this problem. Bus driver Veeresh says that the bus jumps a lot when it passes over this road and this causes a lot of inconvenience to the passengers. A traffic cop said that if it was only a pothole, the issue could have been resolved locally, but since the entire stretch is damaged, BBMP has to take necessary action. Constant honking is also a problem. Another auto-driver, Nagaraj, says that the dust causes a lot of health issues for him and his passengers. Elderly people are the most affected as they tend to trip and fall when they try to catch the bus.

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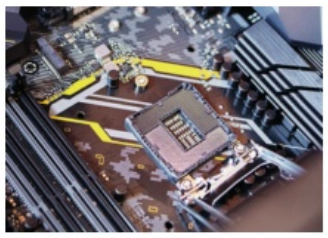

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Besides this, the Australian Government plans to start a Consulate-General in Bengaluru. This was announced during the External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar and his Australian counterpart Marise Payne on Saturday where the dignitaries welcomed the elevation of the bilateral cyber cooperation through the Australia-India Framework Arrangement on Cyber and Cyber-Enabled Critical Technology Cooperation under the Comprehensive Strategic Partnership, agreed in June 2020.

The Ministers recognised cooperation in the areas of cyber governance, cyber security, capacity building, innovation, digital economy, and cyber and critical technologies as an essential pillar of the India-Australia relationship.

The ministers reaffirmed their commitment to an open, secure, free, accessible, stable, peaceful, and interoperable cyberspace and technologies that adhere to international law. The ministers emphasised the way in which technology is designed, developed, governed and used should be informed by our shared democratic values and respect for human rights.

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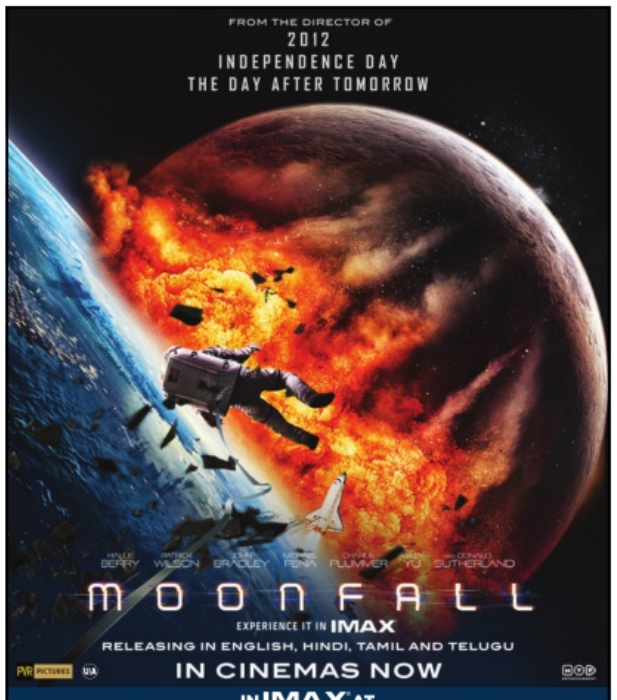

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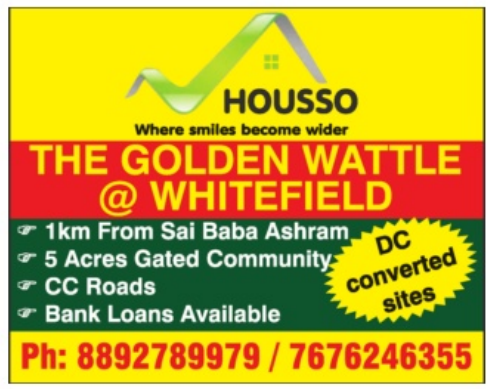

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Though the Central Government allocated Rs 5 crore for the much-awaited Naganahalli Satellite Terminal in the union budget, the State Government continues its lethargy. As a result, the project has failed to take off.

It is a longstanding dream of citizens to get the Naganahalli Railway Terminal near Mysuru. If the project starts as planned, it will give a big boost to the industry and agricultural sector. And there was a possibility of completing its first stage for public use.

The project cost is pegged at Rs 785 crore. Last year, the Centre released Rs 20 crore, and this year Rs 5 crore was announced in the budget. Compared to the overall cost, this is a meager amount. But, the State Government must take interest in starting the work.

Once Naganahalli Satellite Terminal gets ready, it will reduce the pressure on Mysuru railway station

No land acquisition yet

The Mysuru satellite terminal is being developed in collaboration with Central and State Governments. To build the terminal, 400 acres of land needs to be acquired. In the first stage, the work of Rs 495.45 crore in 165 acres was scheduled to be completed by now.

But, land acquisition is the main hindrance to the work. Even the efforts of elected representatives have not yielded results.

They have convinced the villagers for land acquisition, but the release of the funds is the problem.

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Initially, the residents and the villagers opposed the project. But the Government assured them proper relief and one job for each family which loses their lands. But the lack of funds slowed down the project.

When the Naganahalli terminal will be built, it will help not only residents of Mysuru but will be helpful for the industrial and agricultural sectors. The present Railway station in Mysuru can't be extended. As there is not enough space for trains to stop here, the journey is delayed. Once the Naganahalli Terminal gets ready, it will definitely reduce the pressure on the railway station and improve the movement of the trains.

The proposed terminal will be a big boost to the industries and the agricultural sector. The movement of goods will double. Commodities will be transferred on time to ports and airports.

This will encourage more industries in the area and will create more job opportunities. This will also create more demand for agricultural crops.

However, the inactivity of the State Government even after the Centre's fund allocation may result in losing the project.

Love is in the air

A florist prepares bouquets in Bengaluru on Saturday, ahead of Valentines Day celebrations. With covid cases dipping, the city brims with V-Day fervour

3,202 covid cases, 38 deaths in Karnataka

The declining trend in daily covid-19 infections continued in Karnataka on Saturday with the state logging 3,202 new cases and 38 fatalities taking the aggregate and toll to 39,24,297 and 39,613 respectively, the state health department said.

In its covid-19 bulletin, the department said 8,988 people were discharged, taking the total number of recoveries to 38,45,903. Active cases stood at 38,747. Bengaluru urban district reported 1,293 infections and 10 deaths. Other districts too logged fresh cases including 250 in Belagavi, 197 in Mysuru, 155 in Shivamogga, 142 in Tumakuru and 126 in Ballari. There were deaths reported in 19 districts, including four in Dakshina Kannada, three in Haveri and two each in Ballari, Bidar, Dharwad, Mysuru, Raichur and Tumakuru. There were zero deaths in 12 districts. The positivity rate for the day was 2.95 per cent and the case fatality rate was 1.18 per cent. As many as 1,08,534 tests were conducted including 81,798 RT-PCR tests taking the total tests to 6.33 crore so far. There were 1,12,406 inoculations done taking the total vaccinations so far to 9.82 crore, the department added. -PTI

New bride saves lives after her death

It was a tragedy at a wedding reception when the bride suddenly collapsed and later died on the way to hospital. However, despite the shock, her parents stood to the occasion by donating her organs.

Chaitra 26, who was on stage with the groom posing for photographs and greeting guests, suddenly collapsed. When her parents rushed her to NIMHANS, the doctors declared her 'brain dead'. The incident took place in Srinivaspur of Kolar district. Chaitra's parents, who were aghast after hearing the news, later decided to donate their daughter's organs.

Hailing the noble act of Chaitra's parents, Minister Dr K Sudhakar said: "It was a very big day for Chaitra. But destiny had other plans. Despite the heart breaking tragedy, her parents have decided to donate her organs. This gesture will save many lives. This is the first organ retrieval in NIMHANS." Earlier, the parents of 21-year-old Prajwal from Kushalnagar city, who was declared brain dead after a road accident, also donated their son's organs.

No misuse: Scholarship coupons on the cards

The State Government is planning to issue coupons for scholarship to stop misuse, said Minister for Higher Education Dr CN Ashwath Narayan. The Karnataka government was also pulling out all stops to ensure a holistic educational development in students and work on paid internships for students.

Inaugurating the Bengaluru Chancellors' Conclave 2022 organised by Vijay Karnataka and Bangalore Mirror, Narayan said: "We are paying scholarship funds to SC, ST, and backward-class students directly to their accounts. They may not have paid to their respective educational institutions. We have not stopped the scholarship. We are planning to issue coupons limiting usage of scholarships to only for education."

The minister said that the National Education Policy (NEP) boasts of an IIT-type curriculum which is being adopted in engineering too.

"We have also created an opportunity for a 36-week internship. Earlier it was limited to four weeks. Now the best part is that the students get paid during the internships. We have discussed this with NASSCOM, Infosys, Tech Mahindra, IIM, and ISRO for preparing the curriculum."

THE SUNDAY READ

The Cauvery Wildlife Sanctuary is a prominent jumbo corridor

Imbalancing act

City's water problem cannot be solved by bringing water from outside, say experts. We take a look at the fears that loom around the Mekedatu project

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The Mekedatu balancing reservoir project, if implemented, will destroy the fragile ecosystem of the area, say researchers and conservationists working in the region. The experts say the project will not only wreck the unique riverine habitat, but might also cause wildlife habitat fragmentation, leading to severe human-wildlife conflicts.

"This project will destroy a unique riverine habitat, perhaps the largest found in the country. It will also submerge wonderful woodland savanna forest which is again a highly threatened habitat. Together over 5,000 hectares of wonderful forests will be gone forever," said Dr. Sanjay Gubbi, a Karnataka-based wildlife biologist and conservationist.

The state government's Mekedatu balancing reservoir project aims to store 67 TMCft of water, submerging over 12,000 acres of forest land, including 4,500 acres of the Cauvery Wildlife Sanctuary. According to wildlife experts, apart from being a prominent elephant corridor and home to several endangered species, the Cauvery Wildlife Sanctuary also acts as a sink for overpopulated tiger habitats and loss of this dense forested area might lead to increase in human-tiger conflicts. "In June 2020, we recorded a tiger in the Halagur range of Cauvery Wildlife Sanctuary. This was the first time a tiger was recorded in this part of the forests. This male tiger was born at Bandipur Tiger Reserve and has moved into Cauvery depicting Cauvery as a true sink area for overpopulated tiger habitats. Losing such a habitat can result in increased tiger conflict in areas like Bandipur, BRT and Satyamangala," added Gubbi.

Experts say the sanctuary is home to a number of endemic and endangered species and human intervention of this scale will cause irreparable damage.

According to a recent study titled 'Freshwater Fishes of Cauvery Wildlife Sanctuary, Western Ghats of Karnataka, India'; published in the Journal of Threatened Taxa, while 58 species of freshwater fish were recorded from the 37 km stretch between Shivanasamudram falls and Mekedatu inside Cauvery, close to 15 species out of this are found only in the Western Ghats region, of which eight are found just in the Cauvery River system. To add to that, some of the species, once reported from throughout the area, are now only restricted to the Mekedatu gorge.

"Cauvery river is prime habitat for two critically endangered fishes, the Humpback Mahseer and Nilgiri Mystus besides hundred more species whose ecological and flow requirements are least known. Human interventions such as dams, reservoirs, pollution and such mega projects will destroy their critical habitat," said Vidyadhar Atkore, an aquatic ecologist working on the biodiversity of rivers and wetlands in India.

Not just the water animals, but those found on the land will be destined to suffer too. Conservationists and researchers warn that a project such as Mekedatu will change the dynamics of the river and its riparian vegetation, not only affecting breeding and feeding habits of many fish species, but will also force key species to drastically change their habitat use patterns. "Cauvery Wildlife Sanctuary is an important habitat for elephants, dholes, honey badgers and other species. The riverine forests along the Cauvery River is the only place in Karnataka where the grizzled giant squirrel survives. It is estimated that only about 500 adult individual grizzled giant squirrels survive in this world today. The species will go extinct from Karnataka if the Mekedatu project is implemented. The dam is going to fragment elephant habitats leading to severe human-elephant conflict. This would be especially severe on the north bank of Cauvery River as the forest patch will become small and it will lead to a situation like Hassan with respect to human-elephant conflict," said Gubbi.

Sustainable alternatives

According to Dr TV Ramachandra of Centre for Ecological Sciences, IISc, Bengaluru's water scarcity is the result of mismanagement of the naturally available resources by the decision makers. He says, if used judiciously, the city will have surplus water. "Why go for an expensive affair when there are cheaper and sustainable alternatives? The rainfall alone can quench the city's thirst. If you look at the rainfall data of the city, on an average, it receives around 800 mm of rainfall, which amounts to 15 thousand million cubic feet (TMC) of water. The actual demand is approximately 18 TMC. This can be achieved with the help of rainwater harvesting systems," said Dr. Ramachandra.

Experts say Bengaluru's population is growing exponentially and the water problem cannot be solved by bringing water from outside. "Already, Cauvery Stage-V has been implemented and we continue to face problems. We need multiple approaches such as conserving the city's lakes, improving aquifers, using water wisely, recharging open wells, and allowing space for water to sink into ground," added Gubbi.

Rejuvenating the city's lakes and treating its wastewater are some other economically viable and more sustainable solutions suggested by the experts. "On an average, the city has at least one lake in each ward. Lake rejuvenation will not only harvest rainwater but will also recharge the water table. It will solve the problem of contaminated groundwater too. Moreover, if a city is consuming 18 TMC of water, it is also generating 18 TMC of wastewater. If we treat our wastewater, we will have around 16 TMC of treated water. When you club the harvested rainwater along with the treated wastewater, we will land in a surplus situation. The Mekedatu reservoir project is being taken up by a section of society with vested interest," said Dr. Ramachandra.

According to Gubbi, the location of the proposed project is the biggest problem as it leads to submergence of forests. "Perhaps they can try building the dam at Shimsha which is a deep gorge and perhaps holds more water with less submergence. It is said Shimsha was the originally proposed location," he said.

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–Dr TV Ramachandra, Centre for Ecological Sciences, IISC

CURRENT STATUS OF MEKEDATU PROJECT

According to Union Minister of Jal Shakti Bishweswar Tudu, "The Feasibility Report (FR) of Mekedatu Balancing Reservoir cum Drinking Water Project was submitted to Central Water Commission (CWC) by Government of Karnataka for in principle clearance for preparation of Detailed Project Report (DPR) of the project." The Screening Committee of Central Water Commission in its meeting held on October 24, 2018, accorded "in-principle" clearance for preparation of DPR by Government of Karnataka subject to certain conditions including: "As the main objective of this scheme as stated in the FR is to implement the Cauvery Water Dispute Tribunal(CWDT) Award as modified by the Supreme Court, acceptance of Cauvery Water Management Authority (CWMA) would be a prerequisite for consideration of the DPR by the Advisory Committee of the Ministry of Water Resources. Subsequently, DPR of Mekedatu Balancing Reservoir cum Drinking Water Project was submitted to CWC by Government of Karnataka in January 2019 and copies of the same were forwarded to Cauvery Water Management Authority (CWMA). However, Tamil Nadu has requested the Central Government to advise the Government of Karnataka not to take up the Mekedatu project. Discussion on the DPR of the above project was included as an agenda item during various meetings of CWMA. However, discussion on this issue could not take place due to lack of consensus among party States on this agenda item.

Tejas light aircraft at Singapore airshow
India will showcase its indigenously developed Tejas light combat aircraft (LCA) at the four-day Singapore Air Show next week

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Rahul Bajaj June 10, 1938- February 12, 2022

Original Make in India champion passes on

Funeral with full state honours for industrialist on Sunday; corporate, political personalities condole death

#Pune

Renowned industrialist Rahul Bajaj -- the doyen of the Bajaj Group, who made his two-wheelers a household name with the catchy slogan 'Hamara Bajaj' -- passed away in Pune following a prolonged illness.

A former Chairman of the now-defunct domestic carrier, Indian Airlines, he was ailing from cancer for a long time and the end came at the Ruby Hospital at around 2.30 p.m. on Saturday, sending waves of grief in corporate and political circles. Bajaj was 83 and is survived by two sons, Rajiv and Sanjiv, and a daughter Sunaina Kejriwal, and other family members who were present beside when he breathed his last.

Rahul Bajaj became the CEO of the flagship Bajaj Auto in 1968 and its Managing Director in 1972

Maharashtra Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray announced that Bajaj will be accorded full state honours for his funeral slated on Sunday afternoon in Pune. "It is with deep sorrow that I inform you about the passing of Shri Rahul Bajaj, husband of the late Rupa Bajaj, and father of Rajiv/Deepa, Sanjiv/Shefali, Sunaina/Manish (Kejriwal). He passed away on the afternoon of 12th February in the presence of his closest family members," said a statement from the Bajaj Group on Saturday evening.

Born on June 10, 1938 in (now) Kolkata, Bajaj graduated in 1958 from St. Stephens College, in Delhi University, with an Honours degree in Economics. Later, he acquired a Law degree from University of Bombay and an MBA from the Harvard Business School. Joining the family enterprise founded by his grandfather, the industrialist-philanthropist-freedom fighter Jamnalal Bajaj, Rahul Bajaj became the CEO of the flagship Bajaj Auto in 1968 and its Managing Director in 1972.

It was during his captaincy of the Bajaj Group which soared from small family concern to one of the biggest in the sub-continent with immense contribution in nation-building, helping lay the foundations of its economy and creating a global mark with its two-wheelers and three-wheelers among other products over the decades. A Rajya Sabha Member (2006-2010) and conferred the Padmashri and Padma Bhushan, he stepped down as the Chairman of Bajaj Auto in April 2021 but was appointed as Chairman Emeritus for another five years.

Bajaj's mortal remains shall be kept for public 'darshan' on Sunday morning at the company's plant premises and the last rites shall be performed at the Vaikunth Crematorium later with full state honours. Top business and political leaders like Maharashtra Governor Bhagat Singh Koshyari, his close family friends Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray and Deputy CM Ajit Pawar, Nationalist Congress Party President Sharad Pawar, Congress leader Prithviraj Chavan, Kishore Tiwari and Dr. Raghunath Kuchik, both MoS, Deputy Chairperson of Legislative Council Dr. Neelam Gorhe, Supriya Sule, MP, top Maha Vikas Aghadi leaders, Bharatiya Janata Party leader Nitin Gadkari and Raosaheb Danve-Patil, Leader of Opposition Devendra Fadnavis and others condoled Bajaj's passing.

"I am deeply shocked to learn about the sad demise of Padma Bhushan Shri Rahul Bajaj.. The grandson of eminent freedom fighter Jamnalal Bajaj brought transformation in societywith his two-wheel technology - a Bajaj bike," said Sharad Pawar. **– IANS**

NCB bust narco network on darknet; almost all arrested 'tech-savvy'

#New Delhi

The NCB has arrested 22 people, including software engineers, a financial analyst, an MBA graduate and one of their own personnel as it busted a pan-India drug trafficking network that uses the 'darknet' and cryptocurrency to courier narcotics at home.

The federal anti-narcotics agency unearthed three major drug markets -- DNM India, DRED, and The Orient Express -- running on the hidden web world after a four-month operation in Delhi-NCR, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Karnataka, Assam, Punjab, Jharkhand, West Bengal and Rajasthan.

Four cases have been lodged in the matter and 17 seizures were made during this country-wide operation, officials said.

The recreational drugs were being sourced from countries like the USA, UK, Netherlands and Poland using courier services and also the India Post network, said Narcotics Control Bureau deputy director-general for northern region Gyaneshwar Singh at a press conference here.

"The network was busted after a long operation that was initiated after a drug parcel was intercepted by us in Kolkata." "Our special investigation team that conducts cyber patrolling to check the usage of darknet has busted three big networks being run in the country using the darknet, anonymous cryptocurrency transactions and pseudonymous social media profiles," Singh said.

Darknet denotes the hidden Internet platforms that can only be accessed using specialised software and pre-configured communication protocols for anonymous communication. Drugs cartels and syndicates are known to use this to stay under the radar of law enforcement agencies. Singh claimed that the use of courier parcels for drugs delivery has increased following the outbreak of the covid-19 pandemic.

Twenty-two people, including four women, have been arrested and they are in judicial custody. One person has been granted interim bail to attend an exam, Singh said. The accused are in the age group of 20-35 years. They include engineers, software experts, a doctor, financial consultants, businessmen, an MBA, a musician and some school dropouts. Some were into these illegal activities from the age of 13-14, the officer said.

Raghunath Kumar, alias 'LSD King', lodged in Bellary jail in Karnataka was also among those arrested, he added.

The NCB's Delhi zonal unit has seized 975 LSD (Lysergic acid diethylamide) blots, 130 gms psychotropic tablets, 6 gms heroin, paste and liquid of cannabis, 1.6 gms cocaine, 16 Alprazolam tablets, 315.8 gms charas, 171 gms hashish chocolate, a dozen capsules of Spasomoproxyvon and 7.9 kg of imported ganja.

Rs 22.5 lakh cash has been seized. Rs 2 crore worth crypto turnover generated from this illegal trade was detected but could not be seized as of now, Singh said. The NCB, in a statement, said, "Almost all (arrested) are very educated, tech-savvy, felt the thrill in dodging the police or NCB, have had a disturbed childhood or family problems." **– PTI**

IPL auction: Ishan is hot property after 15.25 cr payday

#Bengaluru

Wicketkeeper-batter Ishan Kishan became the second-most expensive Indian player in the history of IPL after being picked by his former team Mumbai Indians for a whopping INR 15.25 crore.

Kishan overtook Shreyas Iyer, who was picked for INR 12.25 crore, to become the most expensive buy of the ongoing auction so far.

Apart from Kishan, Sri Lanka legspinner Wanindu Hasaranga and West Indies batter Nicholas Pooran landed paychecks in excess of INR 10 crores in the third round.

Charu Sharma stepped in for the auctioneer duties after Hugh Edmeades had collapsed, with Hasaranga bought by Royal Challengers Bangalore (RCB) for INR 10.75 crores. The move meant Hasaranga was reunited with the team he represented in IPL 2021.

As expected in case of keeper-batters, there was a frenetic bid for Kishan, a keeper who bats left-handed. His former team Mumbai Indians, Punjab Kings and Gujarat Titans were engaged in a tug of war before Sunrisers Hyderabad made a late entry.

Mumbai persisted hard to buy back left-handed Kishan for a gigantic INR 15.25 crores.

Chennai and Hyderabad were in a battle to buy Pooran before Kolkata made a surprise entry. But Hyderabad battled hard to buy Pooran, who averaged just 7.72 in 2021 edition, for INR 10.75 crores.

Apart from the trio, Washington

Sundar and Krunal Pandya earned big. Gujarat, Punjab and Delhi Capitals were locked in a battle to get off-spin all-rounder Sundar. Lucknow Super Giants came into the mix at INR 8 crore. But Hyderabad waded into the bidding war and bought Sundar for INR 8.75 crores.

For Pandya, a solid left-arm spin all-rounder for Mumbai in the past despite recent performances not up to the mark, Chennai, Punjab, Hyderabad, and Lucknow were in the bidding battle. Then Gujarat jumped in as well. But it was Lucknow who won with INR 8.75 crores.

It also means that Pandya and Deepak Hooda, who were involved in a bitter spat ahead of the 2021 Syed Mushtaq Ali season, are now in the same IPL side.

Hyderabad and Gujarat were the initial bidders for Australia all-rounder Mitchell Marsh but Delhi joined in and eventually got him for INR 6.75 crores. Punjab and Hyderabad were engaged in battle for Jonny Bairstow with Delhi. But Punjab stayed their ground to pick Bairstow for INR 6.75 crores.

Ambati Rayudu generated interest from Chennai, Delhi and Hyderabad. But Chennai won the race to buy Rayudu for INR 6.75 crores. Chennai were then engaged in an engrossing battle with Bangalore to pick Dinesh Karthik. Eventually, Bangalore snapped him for INR 5.5 crore, marking their reunion with Karthik after 2015 edition.

Afghanistan all-rounder Mohammad Nabi was surprisingly unsold so was Australia keeper-batter Matthew Wade. India keeper Wriddhiman Saha and England keeper-batter Sam Billings also found no takers. **– IANS**

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BEST OF
DR MAHINDER WATSA

The finest responses of Dr Watsa are being republished in this column as a tribute to him.

1 I am 40 and my wife is 34. I have no health issues but these days I am experiencing a problem with sustaining my erection. While having intercourse with my wife, my penis becomes progressively flaccid. I often wonder if my wife is unhappy with the way things are. However, to improve matters, before we have sex, or when I am nearing climax we stop having intercourse and we both watch porn and masturbate each other. Afterwards we have sex and we both come at the same time. That way, I am able to satisfy her. This arrangement is working fine for the both of us, but I often wonder if it is fine to do this nearly every time we have sex. Do you think it is okay if we continue in this manner?

You have a unique way of satisfying yourselves and I am sure many will thank you for suggesting a unique way.

2 I am a 34, and my wife is 29. We have been married for the last three and a half years, and we have had a healthy sex life so far. But, over the last two months, I have been experiencing problems sustaining my erection, and I am very disheartened by it. While my penis does get erect every time we have sex, I fail to maintain the erection during intercourse, and hence, we cannot complete the act. This has been affecting our sexual life, and we are kind of wary about having sex. I'm very woried. Kindly help us out.

I'd suggest you visit a sexpert to find out the reason for the affliction. The right medication will solve the issue. Often, being distracted or preoccupied can cause such problems.

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IN THE MOOD FOR MOMOS?

Nothing screams happiness more than momos. Try these recipes that are sure to add variety to a jaded palate

MOMOS FROM HELL

Prep Time: 10-12 mins
Cooking Time: 5
Serves 4

INGREDIENTS
- Momos steamed (veg/chicken): 28
- Oil: 60 ml
- Ginger, chopped: a small piece
- Garlic, chopped: 20 gm
- Onion, chopped: 1
- Fresh red chillies, chopped: 100 gm
- Red chilli paste: to taste
- Chilli flakes: 10 gm
- Red Chilli powder: 5 gm
- Black pepper, crushed: 10 gm
- Salt: to taste

Garnish: Parsley, chopped

METHOD
- In a skillet heat oil on medium heat, once the oil is hot, add chopped ginger, garlic & cook for 3 to 4 minutes. Now add chopped onion, red chillies & cook further until onions are soften. Once done add remaining ingredients except for salt, stirring & tossing until all the ingredients are mixed together & cook further for few more minutes. Season to taste & keep aside to cool. Once done blend it in food processor to make a paste. Take sauce in a skillet & heat on medium low heat, add steamed momos, toss to combine until all the momos are coated in layer of sauce. Transfer to serving plate & garnish with chopped parsley.

BUTTER GARLIC CHILLI MOMOS

Prep Time: 4-5 mins
Cooking Time: 5
Serves 4

INGREDIENTS
- Momos steamed (veg/chicken): 28
- Olive oil: 60 ml
- Butter, unsalted: 30 gm
- Garlic cloves, thinly sliced: 8 - 10
- Chilli flakes: 5 gm
- Parsley leaves, chopped: 10 gm

To Serve: Sriracha Chilli Sauce
Garnish: Parmesan cheese

METHOD
- Take olive oil & butter in a skillet (work batch wise) & heat on medium low heat; once hot, add steamed momos pleat side up, turn the heat down & cook for 2 to 3 minutes or until golden & crips on bottom. Now prepare the sauce by combining sliced garlic & chilli flakes, heat it on medium flame & cook for sauce to absorb the flavours. Gently toss momos to coat well with the sauce, finish with chopped parsley leaves. Serve hot with sriracha chilli sauce & garnish with parmesan cheese.

TANDOORI MOMOS

Prep Time: 8-10 mins
Cooking Time: 7-8 mins
Serves 4

INGREDIENTS
- Momos steamed (veg/chicken): 28
- Hung curd: 175 gm
- Ginger garlic paste: 10 gm
- Red chilli powder: 5 gm
- Coriander powder: 5 gm
- Kasuri Methi: a pinch
- Garam masala powder: 5 gm
- Mustard oil: 15 ml
- Salt: to taste
- Butter: 30 gm
- Cream: 20 gm
- Chaat Masala: 1/2 tsp

Serve
- Mint chutney
- Onion slices

Garnish
- Mint sprigs
- Lemon wedge

METHOD
- Pre heat oven oven at 180 C. In a mixing bowl add hug curd, ginger garlic paste & whisk in spice powder into hung curd, then add mustard oil & salt. Mix well. Add steamed momos in tandoori marination & gently toss to coat well. Arrange momos in baking tray & cook in pre-heated oven for 7 to 8 minutes or until slightly charred. Once cooked remove from baking pan & lightly toss in melted butter, cream & chaat masala. Serve tandoori momos with mint chutney, onion slices & garnish with mint sprig & lemon wedge.

ANNA'S PEPPER ROAST MOMOS

Prep Time: 8-10 mins
Cooking Time: 5
Serves 4

INGREDIENTS
- Momos steamed (veg/chicken): 28
- Oil: 60 ml
- Curry leaves: 10 - 12
- Onion, chopped: 2
- Garlic, chopped: 10 gm
- Black pepper, crushed: 10 gm
- Coconut milk: 80 ml
- Coriander leaves, chopped: 10 - 12 sprigs
- Salt: to taste

Serve: Onion slices
Garnish: Coriander sprig, chilli slices

METHOD
- In a skillet, heat oil on medium heat; once the oil is hot, add curry leaves & let it crackle, add chopped onion, garlic & cook on medium heat, stirring mixture constantly until aromatic & onion softens. Toss steamed momos into the pan, add crushed black pepper & coconut milk. Cook, stirring & tossing constantly until momos are coated in layer of sauce. Stir in chopped coriander & season to taste. Transfer to serving plate & serve with thinly sliced onion. Garnish with coriander sprig & chilli slices.

By Saurabh Arora, City Chef, SOCIAL

SOLVE IT IN A MINUTE

106, 136, 205, 425, ????

Kakuro

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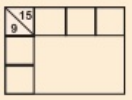

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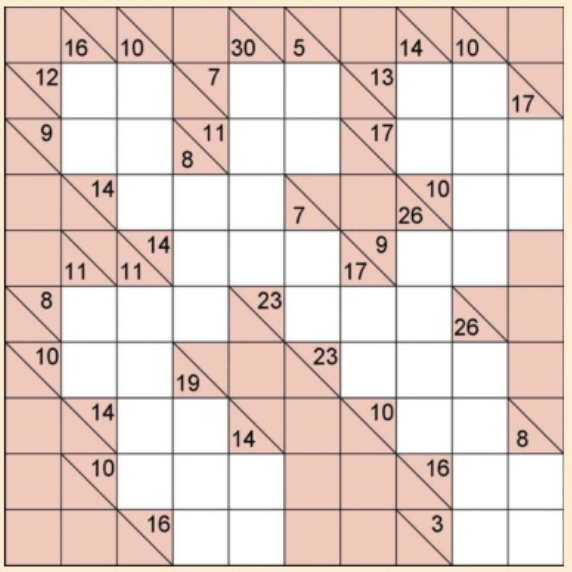

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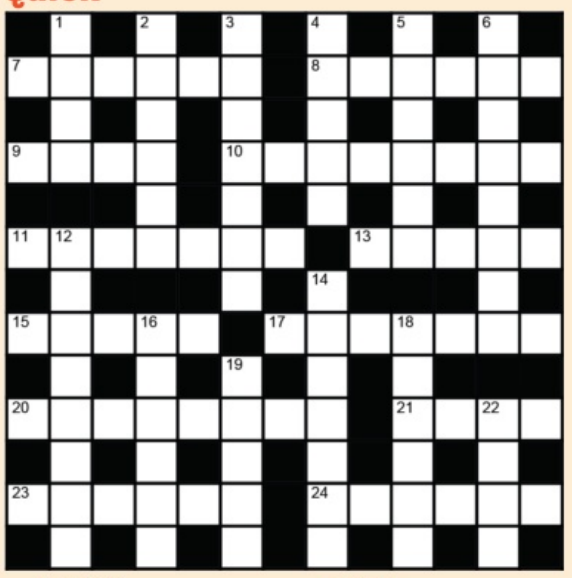

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7 Spain and Portugal (6)
8 Provides housing for (6)
9 Look furtively (4)
10 Spiral seashell (8)
11 Hands down or proffers? (7)
13 Conceal; put away in a safe place (5)
15 Body of employees (5)
17 Remote settlement (7)
20 Hopefulness (8)
21 Drinks a little at a time (4)
23 Beseeches (6)
24 Cutting implements (6)

DOWN

1 Competent (4)
2 Musically too much, or excessive (6)
3 Official language of Karnataka (7)
4 Book of photographs (5)
5 Off course (6)
6 Fends off, rebuffs or repels (8)
12 Slingshot (8)
14 Conjecture (7)
16 Robinson Crusoe's man (6)
18 Persuaded, pressed or urged (6)
19 Booth; stand (5)
22 Recreation ground (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: Q EQUALS G

QSNBYTC STB PXJMYNC KSEY S MSI JP GNWTQWTQ ZYJZXY OJQYOKYN, BNSMWTQ OKYL PNJL OKYWN KJLYC.

Linemaro

Do you have a twin sister?
No? Then you must be the most beautiful woman in the world

Mindchow

Art is the only way to run away without leaving home

Joke of the day

Idiots' rules: Don't throw a brick straight up. Don't take long naps while driving. Don't stick body parts into electrical outlets

Loop

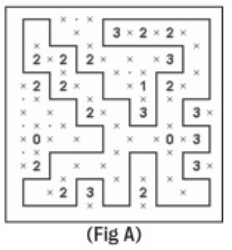
Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.

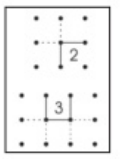
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)

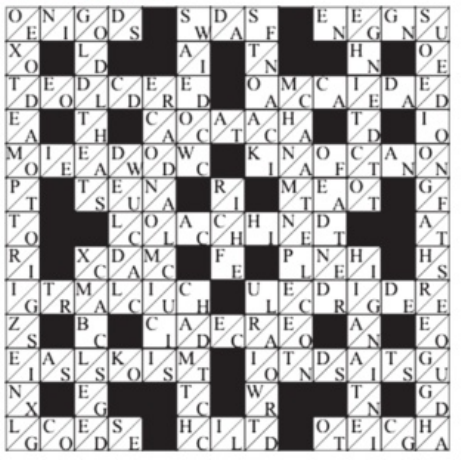


(Fig A)



(Fig B) Not Allowed

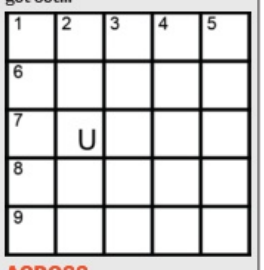
Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



ACROSS

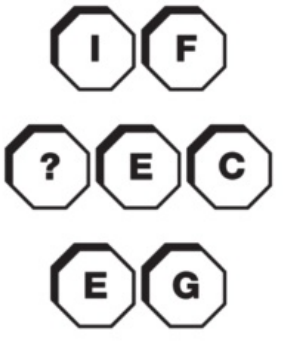
1 A cosh; 6 Short; 7 I a duo; 8 Refer; 9 Brief

DOWN

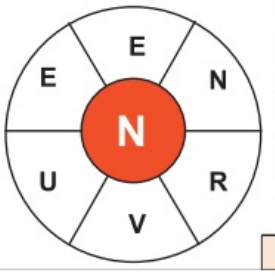
1 Haf Cf; 2 I hour; 3 Beard; 4 I rose; 5 Rotes

Mensapuzzle

Which letter completes the puzzle?



Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

04 Average; 06 Good; 07 Outstanding

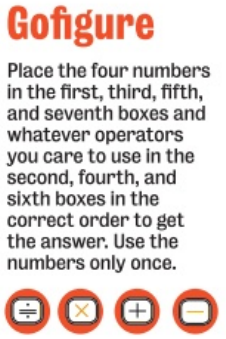
SudokuChallenge

				2		3		5
9			8					7
			1		7		4	9
						1	7	
2		1				9		8
	6	8						
8	4		7		9			
3					2			1
5		9		4				

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.



Easy = 19
3 4 6 6

Medium = 8
1 2 3 8

Hard = 6
1 5 6 4

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

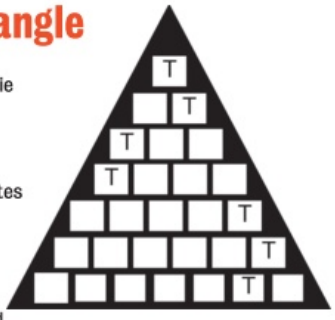
Differences: 1. Leaf is moved. 2. Hand is moved. 3. Fence rail is lower. 4. Hill is added in distance. 5. Hat is smaller. 6. Leg is longer.

Riddler

It roars like thunder, And rises higher, While breathing fire, This wingless wonder. If it leaves its cave, Drags us in its tail, Over hill and dale, Then you must be brave. Early morning flight, Silently it flies, Slowly in the skies. Hides before the night. My kingdom at least, To the brave young knight, If you name it right. What is this huge beast?

Alpha triangle

1 Twentieth letter
2 Stephen King movie
3 Bind
4 Ocean motion
5 Believer in god
6 Knock it off!
7 Takes in or tolerates



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE

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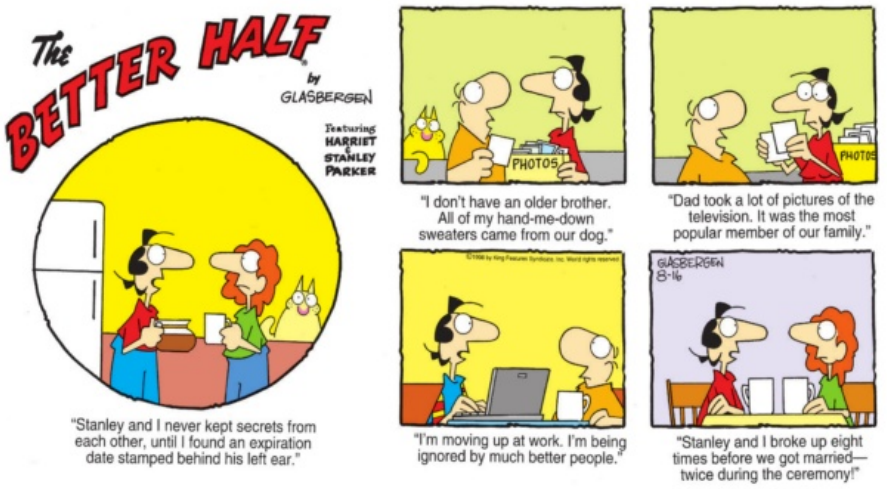
The BETTER HALF
by GLASBERGEN
featuring HARRIET STANLEY PARKER
"Stanley and I never kept secrets from each other, until I found an expiration date stamped behind his left ear."
PHOTOS
"I don't have an older brother. All of my hand-me-down sweaters came from our dog."
PHOTOS
"Dad took a lot of pictures of the television. It was the most popular member of our family."
"I'm moving up at work. I'm being ignored by much better people."
GLASBERGEN 8-16
"Stanley and I broke up eight times before we got married—twice during the ceremony!"

the AMAZING SPIDER-MAN
BITTEN BY A RADIOACTIVE SPIDER, PETER PARKER HAS GAINED THAT INSECT'S DISPROPORTIONATE STRENGTH--
STAN LEE
--AND, LIKE HIS NAMESAKE, CAN CLING TO CEILINGS AND WALLS!

...AND NOW, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN...THE STAR OF THE BIG NEW MOVIE "MARVELLA THE MAGNIFICENT"...
MORNINGS with Maureen
KLAPKLAPKLAPKLAP
YOU LOOKED SURPRISED, MARY JANE, WHEN I SAID THE FILM'S NAME.
I WAS, MAUREEN! THE LAST I HEARD, IT WAS JUST CALLED "MARVELLA II."
STAN LEE & JOHN ROMITA SR. SARTORIAL SYNNOTT
THERE WAS A "MARVELLA I"?
YES, BUT IT WENT DIRECT TO VIDEO--ONLY IT BECAME SUCH A HIT, WE MADE A BIG-BUDGET SEQUEL.
THIS MAY BE THE FIRST TIME A SEQUEL OPENS IN THEATERS...AND THE ORIGINAL MOVIE DIDN'T!
HAHAH
THE AUDIENCE IS LAUGHING! GOOD!
I HOPE PETER, MAY AND ANNA ARE ENJOYING THEMSELVES, TOO.
AHAHAHAHAHAHA!
ACTUALLY, MJ--YOUR HUBBY IS OTHERWISE ENGAGED AT THE MOMENT...
YOU, UNINFORMED POLTS WON'T EXPEL THE MOLE MAN FROM THESE PREMISES!
BACKSTAGE BRAWL!

WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today your business plans may be successful with the support of your subordinates. You may go on a short trip for business purposes, which will give you benefits in the near future. You may be involved in social and family gatherings, which may boost your social network.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
Today is a good day for you as you may receive gains. You may make plans to get good gains from your investments. You may save money by avoiding spending on unnecessary stuff. This may boost your savings. Love birds may be busy with family functions.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
Today, you may be busy with issues related to siblings and relatives. But you may expect some support at work, which may help run your work smoothly. Your network may help you to complete your task successfully. You may plan to start some new venture with the help of your siblings and network. There may be some smart gains after a little effort.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
Today, you may have a dull feeling, which may affect your health. You may not get the desired results from your professional meetings. You may feel like you're wasting time. Late evening onwards, disappointments may convert into happiness. You are advised to avoid rash driving or adventurous tours.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
Today is a good day. The business may get new clients, which will be helpful in its growth in terms of profits. Singles are likely to find a good match. In domestic life, you must avoid hiding anything from your spouse otherwise it will create a barrier in your relationship. Jobseekers may get a new job. There are chances of promotions in the current job.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
Today with the help of your strong network you may implement your business plans. You may use your wisdom to gain profits. You may also have harmony in your domestic life, there may be a good understanding between you and your spouse. Natives related to metal and booking agents will do better.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
Today you are more religious and may plan to visit some religious place to find peace of mind. You may donate some amount to charity or spiritual places. People around you may get help from you, in terms of finances or moral support. You may enjoy every moment with satisfaction and patience.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
Today, you may have a dull feeling. You are advised to control your short-tempered nature. Your focus will be tested many times; avoid deviating from your goals. Do not invest in worthless stuff. Love birds are advised to avoid arguments on worthless topics.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
Today, you may be happy and may have mental peace. You are likely to be busy with friends and family. You may enjoy your domestic life and your bonding with your spouse may improve, which may help maintain domestic harmony. There may be a new partnership in the business. New innovations may help your business to grow.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
Today you may begin your day with positive thinking. You may be in the winning position against your opponents and hidden enemies. Your work may be praised by your seniors and you may get some new responsibilities in terms of promotions. Students are blessed by the moon, which may show them the right path to choose good career options.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
Today, you may be busy with family issues. You may explore extra sources of income in terms of gains. You might take an interest in artefacts, movies and glamour which may improve your creativity. Love birds have a clear view in terms of their relationships. Students may now go ahead and focus on their goals in terms of career.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
Today, you may have many options, which may confuse you. You may decide to visit your Elders and consult them before taking any important decision. Your past karma may show you the right path to take the right decision in terms of work and domestic life. You should be careful about your parents' health.

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SOLUTIONS

SOLVE IN 1M
ab->a^2+b^2
106->(10^2+6^2)=136
136->(13^2+6^2)=205
205->(20^2+5^2)=425
425->(42^2+5^2)=1789

RIDDLER
A hot air balloon

STRIKE OUT

E	N	O	S	W	A	S
X	L	E	R	I	N	H
T	E	D	D	E	D	A
E	H	C	O	A	C	H
M	E	A	D	O	W	K
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QUICK

A	T	K	A	A	R	
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T	Y	K	E	D	K	

FAST FIVE

C	H	A	O	S
H	O	R	S	T
A	U	D	I	O
F	R	E	E	R
F	I	B	R	E

QUOTE UNCODE
Gardens and flowers have a way of bringing people together, drawing them from their homes.

SUDOKU

1	8	7	9	2	4	3
9	3	4	8	6	5	2
6	2	5	1	3	7	8
4	9	3	2	5	8	1
2	5	1	4	7	6	9
7	6	8	3	9	1	5
8	4	2	7	1	9	6
3	7	6	5	8	2	4
5	1	9	6	4	3	7

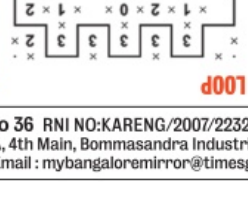
MENSA PUZZLE
A. Writing each letter as its numerical value and working in rows, add the top 2 digit number to the bottom 2 digit number to give the 3 digit result in the centre.

BULL'S EYE
even, nerve, never, rune, uneven, UNNERVE, venue

ALPHA TRIANGLE
t, it, tie, tide, deist, desist, Digests.

GO FIGURE
Easy
6 + 4 + 3 + 6 = 19
Medium
5 - 2 + 8 - 1 = 8
Hard
5 + 6 - 4 - 1 = 6

LOOP



KAKURO

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12	9	3		7	6	1
9	7	2	8	11	7	4
7	5	3	9	4	1	8
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		9	7	1	3	10
		8	6	9	2	23

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Return of Rhea: 'Never give up'

Nearly 2 years after SSR's death, actor who has been lying low, resumes work

Rhea Chakraborty has returned to work, two years after her boyfriend Sushant Singh Rajput's tragic demise. Sushant committed suicide on June 14, 2020, and since then Rhea has been keeping a low profile staying away from social media. Now, the actress is back to her normal routine and happy to resume work.

Of late, Rhea has been sharing motivational quotes and spreading positivity in whatever way she can do it. On Saturday, the actress took to her Instagram handle to give a glimpse of her current state of mind while returning to work, and she seems super excited giving a wide smile to the camera. Sharing the video, Rhea wrote, "Yesterday, I went to work after 2 years. A big thankyou to all the people who stood by me through my toughest times. No matter what , the sun always shines NEVER GIVE UP! (sic)."

Ever since Sushant Singh Rajput passed away Rhea's life has changed forever. Be it the media trial, or constant bullying and trolling on social media, it's been a tough phase for the young actress. However, on Sushant Singh Rajput's first death anniversary on June 14, she wrote an emotional note for the late Bollywood actor. "There isn't a moment where I believe that you aren't here anymore. They said that time heals everything but you were my time and my everything. I know that you are my guardian angel now -watching me with your telescope from the moon and protecting me (sic)," she wrote.

—ETimes

Aishwaryaa Rajinikanth on her new song

Aishwaryaa Rajinikanth is back to work soon after she recovered from covid some time back. Earlier having parked in the same hotel as her estranged husband Dhanush (Sitara Hotel in Ramoji Rao Studios, Hyderabad), she's now staying in Hyderabad in the Westin Hotel.

Talking to **ETimes** from Hyderabad, Aishwaryaa said, "I would say that the song 'Musafir' found me. I could immediately sense that this connection wouldn't go wrong." Added Aishwaryaa, "Prernaa happened in my life through Archana (who's a co-producer on 'Musafir'). She is a beautiful person, extremely giving and makes you instantly feel at home. I felt that I was working with a sister. She is efficient and comes across as a bold businesswoman."

Is Nora Fatehi working on a new project with Anil Kapoor?

Nora Fatehi is enjoying a purple patch in her career. Not only has her last music video with Guru Randhawa, Dance Meri Rani gone viral, Nora's become a popular name with producers and casting directors looking for actors who can fit the role of an exotic character. Nora is no longer being asked to feature just in dance numbers and special appearances in Hindi movies, she's actually being auditioned and signed on for major roles now. And ETimes has an exclusive scoop that Nora is now working on a hush-hush project with Anil Kapoor.

A source revealed to ETimes, "Nora has been getting a lot of offers to act in Hindi films. The latest is a project with Anil Kapoor and Nora has already had two script reading sessions at Anil Kapoor's office." Needless to say, ETimes' paps have confirmed that Nora was indeed spotted at Anil Kapoor's office in Mumbai on multiple occasions in the last few days.

The source added, "Nora is looking forward to this natural progression in her career. She works hard on her dance and fitness and she's keen on working even harder on honing her skills as an actor and polishing her accent and diction. She had started off as an actor, but her passion for dance made her turn to special songs for Hindi and South films. But now, she's keen on focussing on her acting, again."

—ETimes

Light & laughter in Sunny's life

Sunny Leone came up with the cutest weekend family moment with an adorable group photo while wishing her twin sons, Asher and Noah, on their 4th birthday. The two birthday boys can be seen posing with their father Daniel Weber and sister Nisha along with Sunny's mother-in-law. It seems the Leone family enjoyed a fun-filled birthday celebration inviting Asher and Noah's friends as well.

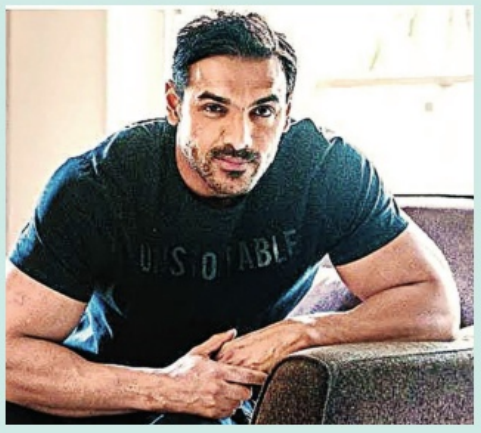
Sharing the picture on her Instagram handle, Sunny revealed her life will be incomplete without Asher and Noah. She wrote, "Happy Birthday, my baby boys Asher and Noah! Life would be incomplete without you two! You are the light and laughter of my day! I love you so much!"

The birthday boys looked adorable in white printed shirts, while Nisha looked like an angel in a pinkish white frock. Sunny and her mother-in-law, too, twinned in white tops and Danny struck a super cool pose in his contrasting black shirt with white polka spots.

Sunny shared another picture from the party featuring the couple and their three children and captioned it as, "Thank you to our Family here."

Sunny and Danny had adopted their first child Nisha before they welcomed the twins through surrogacy.

May The Force be with John



John Abraham starrer 'Force' was a successful venture at the box office. Produced by Vipul Shah, the movie was released in the year 2011. Later, the makers teamed up for 'Force 2' with Sonakshi Sinha as the female lead. And now, according to the latest reports, 'Force 3' is also in the making.

A source close to the development revealed to a well-known publication that John has acquired all the rights of the Force franchise from producer Vipul Shah. The actor is all geared up to take the action to the next level. He is looking for a story that does justice to the kind of action spectacle people want to see in the universe of 'Force'.

While speaking to the publication, Vipul Shah confirmed the news by congratulating the actor and wishing him good luck to take it to great heights.

Apart from 'Force', Abraham has several films in his kitty such as 'Attack', 'Ek Villain 2', 'Pathan' and an untitled comedy with Sajid Khan and Ayyappanum Koshiyum remake co-starring Arjun Kapoor.

—ETimes